

Claims

- [c1] 1. An apparatus comprising:
a substantially planar fabric article generally in the shape of a symbol associated with a holiday, said article having a front panel and a rear panel with a plurality of primary magnets disposed between the front and rear panels, said primary magnets being laterally spaced apart from one another;
a plurality of outwardly exposed indicia on the front panel of the fabric article, each indicia being associated with a number of days remaining until the holiday, and the indicia further being generally aligned with the primary magnets disposed within the fabric article; and
a plurality of decorative ornaments having thereon designs associated with the holiday, each ornament including a secondary magnet to secure the ornament to one of the primary magnets disposed in the fabric article.
- [c2] 2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising at least one decorative ornament having a non-magnetic coupling to attach the ornament to the fabric article.
- [c3] 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the fabric article includes a storage compartment.

- [c4] 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the decorative ornaments or the fabric article includes a circuit element including at least one audio device, light emitting device, or vibratory device.
- [c5] 5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said circuit element comprises a power source and a switch.
- [c6] 6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said circuit element further comprises a control circuit to selectively active the audio device, light emitting device, or vibratory device.
- [c7] 7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the indicia are numerals and wherein the plurality of decorative ornaments have corresponding numerals.
- [c8] 8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said switch is magnetically activated when a magnet is brought into close proximity with the switch.
- [c9] 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the primary magnets and secondary magnets are rare earth magnets.
- [c10] 10. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the magnetically activated switch is a Reed switch.
- [c11] 11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the fabric article

has a shape associated with Christmas.

[c12] 12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the shape is that of a Christmas tree.

[c13] 13. A method comprising:

(a) providing a substantially planar fabric article generally in the shape of a symbol associated with a holiday, said article having a front panel and a rear panel with a plurality of primary magnets disposed between the front and rear panels, said primary magnets being laterally spaced apart from one another, said article further comprising a plurality of outwardly exposed indicia on the front panel of the fabric article, each indicia being associated with a number of days remaining until the holiday, the indicia further being generally aligned with the primary magnets disposed within the fabric article;

(b) providing a plurality of decorative ornaments having thereon designs associated with the holiday, each ornament including a secondary magnet to secure the ornament to one of the primary magnets disposed in the fabric article;

(c) selecting a decorative ornament; and

(d) attaching the selected decorative ornament to the fabric article proximate the indicia associated with the actual number of days remaining until the holiday; and

(e) repeating steps (c) and (d) on a plurality of successive

days preceding the holiday.

- [c14] 14. The method of claim 13, further comprising removing an ornament from a compartment coupled to the fabric article.
- [c15] 15. The method of claim 13, wherein steps (c) and (d) are repeated once a day on each day corresponding to an indicia on the fabric article.
- [c16] 16. The method of claim 13, further comprising providing at least one decorative ornament having a non-magnetic coupling to attach the ornament to the fabric article.
- [c17] 17. The method of claim 13, wherein at least one of the decorative ornaments or the fabric article includes a circuit element including at least one audio device, light emitting device, or vibratory device.
- [c18] 18. The method of claim 17, wherein said audio device, light emitting device, or vibratory device is magnetically activated when the secondary magnet brought into proximity with the associated primary magnet.
- [c19] 19. The method of claim 13, wherein the indicia are numerals and wherein the plurality of decorative ornaments have corresponding numerals.

- [c20] 20. The method of claim 13, wherein the primary magnets and secondary magnets are rare earth magnets.
- [c21] 21. The method of claim 13, wherein the fabric article has a shape associated with Christmas.
- [c22] 22. The method of claim 21, wherein the shape is that of a Christmas tree.